

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) Water soluble granules comprising:

- (a) meloxicam;
  - (b) a salt forming agent which forms the meglumine, sodium, potassium, or ammonium salt of meloxicam;
  - (c) a binder;
  - (d) a sugar or sweetener; and
  - (e) a carrier,
- and optionally a flavoring agent and optionally other excipients;

wherein 5 g of said granules dissolve in 100mL of demineralized water in about 1 minute to form a clear solution.

2. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 1, wherein the salt forming agent is meglumine.

3. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 1, wherein the binder is selected from hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, gelatine, starch, or polyethylene glycol ether.

4. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 2, wherein the binder is selected from hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, gelatine, starch, or polyethylene glycol ether.

5. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 1, wherein the sugar or sweetener is selected from sodium saccharine, aspartame, and acesulfame potassium.

6. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 2, wherein the sugar or sweetener is selected from sodium saccharine, aspartame, and acesulfame potassium.

7. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 3, wherein the sugar or sweetener is selected from sodium saccharine, aspartame, and acesulfame potassium.

8. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 4, wherein the sugar or sweetener is selected from sodium saccharine, aspartame, and acesulfame potassium.

9. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 1, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from vanilla, honey flavoring, apple flavoring, or contramarum.

10. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 2, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from vanilla, honey flavoring, apple flavoring, or contramarum.

11. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 3, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from vanilla, honey flavoring, apple flavoring, or contramarum.

12. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 4, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from vanilla, honey flavoring, apple flavoring, or contramarum.

13. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 1, wherein the carrier is selected from lactose, glucose, mannitol, xylitol, sucrose, and sorbitol.

14. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 2, wherein the carrier is selected from lactose, glucose, mannitol, xylitol, sucrose, and sorbitol.

15. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 3, wherein the carrier is selected from lactose, glucose, mannitol, xylitol, sucrose, and sorbitol.

16. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 4, wherein the carrier is selected from lactose, glucose, mannitol, xylitol, sucrose, and sorbitol.

17. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of meloxicam is between 0.05% and 4%.

18. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of meglumine to meloxicam is 9:8 to 12:8.

19. (Original) The water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of meglumine to meloxicam is about 10:8.

20. (Previously Presented) Water soluble granules comprising meloxicam, meglumine, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, povidone, and glucose monohydrate.

21. (Withdrawn) A process for preparing the water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 1, the process comprising:

- (a) preparing an aqueous granulating liquid containing the binder, the sugar or sweetener, the meloxicam, the salt forming agent, and/or the flavoring agent;
- (b) spraying the granulating liquid on to a carrier in a topspray fluidized bed method with a supply of air at a constant temperature of 50°C to 80°C; and
- (c) performing a coating process with an aqueous granulating liquid by the topspray fluidized bed method containing the binder, the sugar or sweetener, and/or the flavoring agent.

22. (Withdrawn) A process for preparing the water soluble meloxicam granules according to claim 2, the process comprising:

- (a) preparing an aqueous granulating liquid containing the binder, the sugar or sweetener, the meloxicam, the meglumine, and/or the flavoring agent;
- (b) spraying the granulating liquid on to a carrier in a topspray fluidized bed method with a supply of air at a constant temperature of 50°C to 80°C; and
- (c) performing a coating process with an aqueous granulating liquid by the topspray fluidized bed method containing the binder, the sugar or sweetener, and/or the flavoring agent.

23. (Withdrawn) The process according to claim 21, wherein the granulating liquid is prepared by stirring and heating the components to 70°C to 100°C.

24. (Withdrawn) The process according to claim 22, wherein the granulating liquid is prepared by stirring and heating the components to 70°C to 100°C.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The water soluble granules according to claim 1, wherein  
the binder is present in an amount of about 2 to about 8 percent;  
the sugar or sweetener is present in an amount of about 5 to 15 percent; and

the carrier is present in an amount of about 80 to about 98 percent.

27. (Currently Amended) Water soluble granules consisting essentially of:

- (a) meloxicam;
  - (b) a salt forming agent which forms the meglumine, sodium, potassium, or ammonium salt of meloxicam;
  - (c) at least one water soluble binder;
  - (d) at least one sugar or sweetener; and
  - (e) at least one water soluble carrier,
- and optionally at least one water soluble flavoring agent;

**wherein 5 g of said granules dissolve in 100mL of demineralized water in about 1 minute to form a clear solution.**

28. (Previously Presented) The water soluble granules according to claim 27, wherein the at least one sugar or sweetener is selected from sodium saccharine, aspartame, and acesulfame potassium.

29. (Previously Presented) The water soluble granules according to claim 27, wherein the at least one water soluble carrier is selected from lactose, glucose, mannitol, xylitol, sucrose, and sorbitol.

30. (Previously Presented) The water soluble granules according to claim 27, wherein the at least one water soluble flavoring agent is selected from vanilla, honey flavoring, apple flavoring, or contramarum.

31. (Previously Presented) The water soluble granules according to claim 27, wherein the at least one water soluble binder is present in an amount of about 2 to about 8 percent;

the at least one sugar or sweetener is present in an amount of about 5 to 15 percent; and

the at least one water soluble carrier is present in an amount of about 80 to about 98 percent.

32. (Previously Presented) Water soluble granules consisting essentially of meloxicam, meglumine, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, soluble povidone, and glucose monohydrate.